

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 13-16 are allowed, and that claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12-16, 19, and 20 are pending in the application.

Claims 5, 11, and 18 were objected to as being substantial duplicates of claims 6, 12, and 19, respectively. Claims 5, 11, and 18 have been canceled without prejudice to overcome the claim objections.

Independent claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 19, and 20 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2, which has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 8 also has been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, independent claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 19, and 20 and dependent claims 3 and 9 should be in condition for allowance (along with already allowed claims 13-16).

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

/Steven M. Jensen/

Steven M. Jensen
(Reg. No. 42,693)
Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge
P.O. Box 55874
Boston, MA 02205

Date: March 5, 2009

Phone: (617) 239-0100

Customer No. 21874